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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

RANDALL MENGES,

Plaintiff,

v.

AUSTIN KNUDSEN, Attorney General of the State of Montana; GARY SEDER, Bureau Chief of the Montana Crime Information Bureau; and SARA MALIKIE, Head of the Sexual and Violent Offenders Program for the Missoula County Sheriff's Office, each in their official capacities, CV 20-178-M-DLC-KLD

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY

Defendants.

Randall Menges was convicted of a sex offense in Idaho, and he is required to register as a sex offender in Idaho. Montana law requires

offenders who are required to register in other states to register in Montana if they move to Montana. Menges challenges the Montana statute that requires him to register as a sex offender. At the same time, Menges is challenging the Idaho statute and registration requirement in Idaho federal court, and there are motions pending.

The official capacity defendants move for an order staying this action pending the outcome of the Idaho court's decision on the pending motions, which will likely have an impact on this action. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1, plaintiff's counsel has been contacted and opposes this motion.

DATED the 26th day of January, 2021.

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